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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2010 SECOND QUARTERLY REPORT**

This is the second quarterly report of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) established by a motion by Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich on September 1, 2009.

The first meeting of the second quarter was held on April 15, 2010. Prior to this meeting, a draft of the Non-Conventional Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (NOWTS) ordinance was distributed to TAC members for review. Following recent meetings regarding the NOWTS ordinance, comments and questions on the draft were solicited and received from Acton and Agua Dulce town councils and were provided to each TAC member for inclusion in the discussion. Each comment and concern was individually addressed.

On May 11, 2010, the TAC held their second meeting. Julia Weissman of Los Angeles County Counsel was in attendance. Ms. Weissman provided clarification on previously proposed NOWTS ordinance sections and supporting documents. All suggested revisions were incorporated into the ordinance.

At the June 17, 2010 meeting, County Counsel provided legal insight into any remaining issues. The TAC members agreed unanimously with the proposed revisions. The ordinance has been forwarded to County Counsel for the next step in the Board approval process.

To date, the collaboration between the industry and the regulators has yielded positive results. The opportunity for the industry to influence proposed regulatory changes, has thus far resulted in a greater level of support, communication and understanding amongst the industry and the regulators. Further, by contributing to the proposed changes, the industry can relay the new standards to the property owners and defend the requirements associated with the standards.

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The next monthly meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2010. At that meeting, TAC will begin the review of procedural documents associated with the approval process for well water and wastewater systems. During the third quarter, the TAC will also begin scheduling the town council meetings to provide the communities with an update on TAC activities.

The third quarterly report will be provided by October 15, 2010. In the meantime, if you should have any questions, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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